

STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTIES OF ARANSAS §  
SAN PATRICIO AND NUECES §  
CITY OF ARANSAS PASS §

On this the 11th day of July, 2011 the City Council of the City of Aransas Pass convened in a Joint Meeting with the Aransas Pass Crime Control and Prevention District (APCC&PD) being open to the Public at the regular meeting place thereof in the City Hall and notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject hereof having been posted and prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code with the following attendance to wit constituting a quorum.

PRESENT: Tommy Knight Mayor  
Phillip Hyatt Mayor Pro Tempore  
James A. Mills Council Member  
Vickie Abrego Council Member

ABSENT: Ross McElwee Council Member

ADMINISTRATIVE  
PERSONNEL PRESENT: Allen Lawrence City Attorney  
Reggie Winters City Manager  
Yvonne Stonebraker City Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE  
PERSONNEL ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Haines Assistant Police Chief  
Sandy Roddel Finance Director

A.P.C.C. & P.D. PRESENT: George Binder Director  
Earl Buckmaster Director  
Donald Brummett Director  
Karen Mayer Director  
William Ellis Director

ABSENT: Doug Carr Vice-President  
Terry Stansberry Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Patsy Lawrence, Phil & Nell Reynolds and Ed & Ellie Block.

*There may have been others present who did not sign in.*

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**

Mayor Knight and APCC&PD Director Buckmaster called the joint meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. on July 11, 2011.

2. **REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE ARANSAS PASS CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT'S 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.**

Director Binder asked the Council what they didn't like about the APCC&PD's 2011-2012 budget.

Mayor Knight stated the Aransas Pass Police Department received a \$400,000 grant from the APCC&PD last year and the Police Department was requesting another \$400,000 grant this year.

APCC&PD Director Binder stated the City promised the voters, of the ½ cent sales tax increase, programs to make the City of Aransas Pass safer. He asked the Council if the City's budget was in crisis enough to go back on their promise to the voters.

APCC&PD Director Mayer stated the City had expanded their budget by hiring two Police Officers and a School Resource Officer (SRO).

APCC&PD Director Binder stated in the City's 2009-2010 fiscal year, the Police Department budget was 36% of the General Fund and in the City's 2010-2011 fiscal year (after receiving the \$400,000 grant from the APCC&PD), the Police Departments budget was 37.5% of the General Fund. He stated the Police Department budget did increase but not by much.

Mayor Knight stated the City had lost about 11,000,000 in taxable valuation last year. He asked Finance Director Sandy Roddel if the City had received the Certified Tax Roll from the San Patricio County Appraisal District yet.

Finance Director Roddel stated no.

Mayer Knight stated if the Police Department did not receive the \$400,000 grant, there could possibly be massive lay-offs for the city employees.

APCC&PD Director Brummett asked the Council if the Council would raise taxes after receiving the \$400,000 grant from the APCC&PD.

Mayor Knight stated he could not answer that question because the City had not received the Certified Tax Roll from the San Patricio County Appraisal District.

APCC&PD Director Mayer asked why there was a Warrant Officer listed on the APCC&PD budget. She stated the City of Aransas Pass, at one time, had a Warrant Officer and it did not work out. She stated the City had recently contracted with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson to collect warrants for the City. She stated she would like to give Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson a chance to do the job the City had hired them to do before terminating their contract.

Council Member Mills stated the Warrant Officer program was presented as a 6 month to one year trial basis. He stated if the Warrant Officer program didn't work out, the City would drop the program.

APCC&PD Director Mayer stated the City would have to contract out the warrant collections again.

3. **CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE ARANSAS PASS CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT'S 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.**

APCC&PD Director Mayer made a motion to approve adding the \$400,000 request for the Aransas Pass Police Department and cutting the Warrant Officer budget by \$25,000 making the Warrant Officer budget \$75,000. APCC&PD Director Brummett seconded the motion and the motion carried with APCC&PD Director Binder voting no.

Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt stated the new budget would consist of \$201,267.10 for the two Police Officers and the SRO, \$15,000 for the Arson Awareness Program, \$75,000 for Animal Control Officer, \$75,000 for the Warrant Officer and a \$400,000 to the Aransas Pass Police Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt made a motion to approve the Aransas Pass Crime Control and Prevention District's 2011-2012 fiscal year budget. Council Member Mills seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.**

Council Member Mills made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knight adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM.

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Tommy Knight, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Yvonne Stonebraker, City Secretary